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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Pertti TÖRMÄLÄ et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/853,760  
FILED : May 14, 2001  
FOR : MINIMALLY TRAUMATIC SURGICAL DEVICE FOR TISSUE  
TREATMENT  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3732  
EXAMINER : M. Priddy

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit entry of the following amendment and remarks.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) thereby extending the time period for response up to and including March 3, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$205.00, as well as payment of any other required fees or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.